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REQUEST **FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)** 

**TRANSMITTAL** Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after

June 8, 1995.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

| Application Number     | 09/842,778         |  |
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| Filing Date            | April 27, 2001     |  |
| First Named Inventor   | Atsushi ITO et al. |  |
| Group Art Unit         | 2875               |  |
| Examiner Name          | P.J. Macchiarolo   |  |
| Attorney Docket Number | 1945-347           |  |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the aboveidentified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTÓ/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

|   | a. X Previously submitted  |             |  |                                    |  |  |
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|   | <ul> <li>i. X Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on<br/>November 7, 2003</li> </ul>        |             |  |                                    |  |  |
|   | ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on  |             |  |                                    |  |  |
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|   | L  |             | Other  |                                    |  |  |
|   | b.   | Enclosed    |  |                                    |  |  |
|   |  |             | Amendment/Reply<br>Affidavit(s)/Declarations |                                    |  |  |
|   |  |             | nformation Disclosure Statement (IDS)        |                                    |  |  |
|   |  |             | Other  |                                    |  |  |
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| a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §  |  |             |  |                                    |  |  |
|   |  |             | B(c) for a period of months. (Period of susp | pension shall not exceed 3 months; |  |  |
|   |  |             | under 37 C.F.R. § 1.170(i) required.)        |                                    |  |  |
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| 3.  |  |             |  |                                    |  |  |
| <ul> <li>a.                The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to             Deposit Account No. 02-2135.</li> </ul> |  |             |  |                                    |  |  |
|   |  |             |  | 00                                 |  |  |
|   | i. X RCE fee required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(e) - \$770.00 ii. X Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - \$110.00 |             |  |                                    |  |  |
|   |  |             | Other  | - ψ110.00                          |  |  |
|   | b.   |             | k in the amount of \$ 880.00 enclosed.       |                                    |  |  |
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|   | SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED   |             |  |                                    |  |  |
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